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Microsoft has had to endure the wrath of a government lawsuit waged on behalf of its competitors and I call on the Justice Department to put a quick end to this unnecessary and harmful court action.

Microsoft has made significant contributions to our nation's economy, to technological innovation and - most importantly - to the quality of life for American consumers. For the past twenty-five years, no company has done more for consumers and our national economy than Microsoft. Microsoft is one of our most globally competitive companies and we should be bolstering its competitive position not poisoning its roots.

The Justice Department has spent millions of dollars on this case and never produced a single consumer who'd been harmed by Microsoft. The Government failed to prove that consumers have been adversely affected by Microsoft's business practices. On the other hand, what we have seen is that the economy and technological innovation have been adversely affected by the government's business practices. It's time for the Bush Administration to move to settle this case and to lift the burden the Department of Justice has placed on the high technology industry.

Look, the antitrust laws were written to deal with industries with high market entry barriers and long-lasting market dominance -- i.e. that would use their power to harm consumers. The government and the court have been unable to find a harmed consumer. Besides, in the high tech industry, innovation and its resulting constantly changing marketplace renders any possible market power obsolete.

Can't you see that this case is one of the most significant factors that will influence the future health of our economy? I am convinced that it is in the best interest of consumers and the U.S. economy for this case to be resolved as quickly as possible. The U.S. economy needs a boost, not continued litigation... and we need the creative team at Microsoft to keep doing their great work.

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